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Disaster Grant Awarded to Help Louisiana Workers Displaced by Severe Weather

BATON ROUGE – Louisiana has requested and received a \$1,699,317 disaster assistance grant from the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL) to help provide temporary jobs in the Louisiana parishes devastated by the recent storms and flooding.

“This is welcome news for our people,” said Governor John Bel Edwards. “We have weathered many storms and come back stronger each time. This is no exception. I’m grateful for this grant which will help families to recover and restore their communities.”

The Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant Funding (DDWG) awarded to the Louisiana Workforce Commission (LWC) will provide 161 temporary jobs for clean-up and recovery efforts. These temporary jobs have been created, in accordance with federal rules governing the program, to assist with public property debris removal and clean-up activities in the affected parishes. The grant runs through March 12, 2017.

"This grant award is a win-win for Louisiana families," said LWC Executive Director Ava Dejoie. "Our citizens and communities devastated by the recent flooding can now start to heal with cleaner environments as dislocated workers gain access to jobs."

“National Dislocated Worker Grants are an important way that the federal government can help communities around the country respond in the face of crisis,” said U.S. Deputy Secretary of Labor Chris Lu. “The funds announced today will help support recovery and clean-up efforts in 21 parishes across northern Louisiana, an important step in helping these communities get back on track.”

The award amounts for the affected parishes are listed below:

Parishes	Disaster Funding Including Admin (10%) to LWDAs
Washington, Tangipahoa, Livingston, St. Helena, Ascension	\$348,554
Winn, Catahoula, Grant, LaSalle	\$372,372
Bossier, Webster, Claiborne Bienville, Natchitoches, DeSoto, Caddo, Red River, Sabine, Lincoln	\$17,523
Ouachita	\$799,653
Union, Morehouse, West Carroll, East Carroll, Richland, Madison, Caldwell, Franklin, Jackson	\$87,331
Total Allocation to LWDAs	\$1,625,434
Admin to State (5%)	\$73,883
Total Grant Amount	\$1,699,317

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